

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: **(AS ON AMENDED SHEET(S) ANNEXED TO IPRP)**

1. (original) A microemulsion not containing any active pharmaceutical agent, said microemulsion comprising 5 to 35 wt% of a non-polar animal or vegetable oil, 10 to 55 wt% of at least one polar solvent selected from the group of water, a buffer, an alcohol, and mixtures thereof, and at least one surfactant selected from a polysorbate, a poloxamer and a fatty acid polyoxyethylene, characterized in that it further comprises 20-50 wt% of a monoacyl glycerol.

2. (original) A microemulsion suitable for entrapping airborne particles, characterized in that it consists of 5 to 35% of non-polar animal or vegetable oil, 10 to 55 wt% of at least one polar solvent selected from the group of water, a buffer, and alcohol, and mixtures thereof, and at least one surfactant selected from a polysorbate, a poloxamer and fatty acid polyoxyethylene, characterized in that it further comprises 20-50 wt% of a monoacyl glycerol.

3. (currently amended) The microemulsion as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein said mono-acyl glyceride is glyceryl monooleate, glyceryl monolinoleate or glyceryl monolinolenoleate.

4. (currently amended) The microemulsion as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~
claim 1, wherein said non-polar animal or vegetable oil comprises said sesame oil.

5. (currently amended) The microemulsion as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~
claim 1, wherein at least one component of said polar solvent has a pH exceeding pH
5.5.

6. (currently amended) The microemulsion as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to~~
~~4~~ claim 1, wherein said polar solvent comprises propylene glycol and/or polyethylene
glycol and/or saline solution.

7. (currently amended) The microemulsion as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~
claim 1, wherein said surfactant has a hydrophilic-hydrophobic balance exceeding 7.

8. (currently amended) The microemulsion as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~
claim 1, wherein said polysorbate is polysorbate 80.